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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed are copies of publications the subject matters of which are mentioned in the specification for the Examiner's review:

N.G. Anderson, "Preparative Zonal Centrifugation",
 Methods Biochem Anal. 1967: 15: pp. 271-310;

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- 2. H.W. Hsu, "Zonal Centrifugation", Separation and Purification Methods 5(1), pp. 51-95 (1976), Department of Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37916;
- 3. C.R. McEwen, "Tables For Estimating Sedimentation Through Linear Concentration Gradients of Sucrose Solution", Analytical Biochemistry, 1967 July: 20(1): pp. 114-149; and
- 4. G.B. Cline, "Continuous Sample Flow Density Gradient Centriguation", (1971), Ed Percy and Van Oss, John Wiley & Sons Inc.

We have enclosed a copy of PTO-1449 in duplicate which is considered part of the Information Disclosure Statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to receipt of a first Office Action, so no fee is deemed necessary. However, if a fee is required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account 50-0320.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and make of record the documents cited herein and that a

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